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**Tuesday, 3/3/2026**

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**Location:**

PSK, Meeting Room 1, 3rd floor.

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## Family Diversity and Care Contexts: Who Provides Family and Non-Family Care in Europe?

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**Abstract:**

Family members provide a substantial share of unpaid care to older adults. Less is known about the pathways into non-family care, despite the increasing family diversity. Research gaps concern the role of kinship structure and the specific "care context". My contribution asks: (1) how are individuals' embedment in kinship structures is associated with care provision to family members and non-family persons, and (2) how these associations vary between care contexts with their old-age care policies and care norms?

Applying random effects logistic regression models to SHARE data, I find that one in four caregivers provides care to non-family persons. Individuals with neither partner nor children are more than twice as likely to provide non-family care as those with both a partner and children. Stronger family care norms discourage non-family care. This association is strongest for individuals with neither partner nor children. Regarding policies, I find evidence for a "crowding in"-effect: the greater state expenditures on formal services and care allowance, the more likely we observe non-family care.

**About the presenter:**

Ariane Bertogg is an assistant professor and research group leader at the University of Konstanz. The aim of her research is to study gender and socio-economic inequalities in health and wellbeing, unpaid care work and paid employment across the life course, with a special interest in later life. Taking a comparative perspective, her work investigates the cultural and institutional foundations for new inequalities arising in ageing societies. Ariane's work has been published in *Social Forces*, *Gender and Society*, and *Journals of Gerontology - Series B*.

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